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SUBJECT: PROPOSED HEW RUPEE GRANT FOR HEALTH STATISTICS
PROJECT

REF: ISLAMABAD 06801

1. HEW APPRECIATES MISSION'S CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF PL-480 AGREEMENT IN HEW GRANT TO WHO. HEW UNDERSTANDS MISSION'S QUESTION TO BE WHETHER WHO HAD RECEIVED PRIOR AGREEMENT FROM GOP THAT LOSS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE SOURCE UNDER TERMS OF PROJECT AGREEMENT WAS ACCEPTABLE. PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH WHO, HEW RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM WHO THROUGH GENEVA THAT GOP HAD AGREED TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROJECT DESIGN AND ON THAT BASIS ISSUED THE GRANT.

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2. WHEN MISSION FIRST RAISED QUESTION (REFTEL), HEW WENT

BACK TO WHO GENEVA AND CONFIRMED THE FACT THAT WHO HAD RECEIVED PRIOR APPROVAL FROM GOP FOR EXPENDITURE OF RUPEES IN THIS MANNER.

3. IF THE GOP IN ACCEPTING THE PROJECT BUDGET HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OR PERMIT PL 480 RUPEES TO BE CONVERTED FOR THIS PURPOSE, MISSION CONCERN

ISLAMABAD 6801 IS ANSWERED. IF FOREIGN EXCHANGE NEEDS NOT CLEARLY PROVIDED, EMBASSY SHOULD CLARIFY WITH GOP. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER USE OF U.S.-OWNED RUPEES FOR WHO NON-PROJECT LOCAL COSTS AS VIOLATION OF TERMS OF LOAN AGREEMENTS SINCE EXPENDITURES WILL BE MADE LOCALLY FOR ACTIVITIES FINANCED BY USG, AND THERE IS NO REQUEST FOR CONVERSION INVOLVED.

4. IN ANY EVENT HEW WILL NOT AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS UNTIL ISSUE RESOLVED. KISSINGER

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